(c) whether the said committee has since submitted its report and if so, the details thereof and the action, if any, taken thereon; and

(d) if answer to part (c) above is in the negative, by when the committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (d) The Committee was constituted in September, 2005, under the Chairmanship of Shri Javed A. Chowdhury, IAS (Retired), former Health Secretary to (i) look into the circumstances leading to the increasing trend of the Government doctors including doctors from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi/Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh seeking VRS/ Resignation; (ii) identify the speciality/super-speciality streams that have become more vulnerable to this attrition, along with reasons therefor; (iii) suggest further incentives including changes in terms and conditions of service, conditions for further training, etc. to retain them in Government; and (iv) suggest measures/disincentives to arrest the further outflow of doctors from Government.

The Committee has since submitted its report. The Committee has identified an element of attrition in the Central Health Service particularly in specialities of Teaching, Non-Teaching and Public Health Sub-Cadres.

The decision on the report of the Committee can be taken after detailed study of the same.

Grants for controlling infant mortality

*10. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has announced a grant of $24.3 million for preventing and controlling infant mortality and extending cooperation in controlling other diseases like Kala Azar and Malaria;

(b) if so, on what terms; and

(c) the details available with the Government of the grants released so far for the said purpose by the different corporates and NGOs during 2004-05 and 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) As per information received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in 2005, they have awarded a grant of $24.3 million to be paid over five years for preventing infant mortality and morbidity at the community level. The grant was awarded to Partnership for Appropriate Technologies in Health (PATH) for a project named the Sure Start project. PATH have informed Government of India that they are an international non-profit organization. Further, they have stated that Sure Start is an initiative intended to significantly reduce maternal and newborn morbidity and mortality in selected districts of Uttar Pradesh and urban areas of Maharashtra. PATH has also informed that Sure Start has been designed to complement and support Government of India's commitment to improving maternal and newborn health, with special attention to the National Rural Health Mission, the second phase of the Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-2) and State level policies and programmes.

Government has been informed that Sure Start promotes integrated attention to both maternal and newborn health, within a broader continuum of health services and programmes and it also supports the scaling up of promising approaches, leveraging the successes of pilot projects across entire districts or urban areas. PATH has clarified that Sure Start does not have a mandate to take up any programme for the control of diseases such as Kala Azar and Malaria.

The Government has been informed by ASSOCHAM and CII (FICCI have not responded), that these apex bodies have no information available of any grants that may have been released so far for the said purpose by different corporates. This is also true in so far as NGOs are concerned.

Small scale drug manufacturers

*11. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the small scale drug manufacturers are